

## Abstract

The present invention relates to a method using body samples for the early diagnosis of carcinomas, and  
5 their preliminary stages, which are caused by human papilloma viruses or are associated with human papilloma viruses. The method involves determining whether a human papilloma virus protein is being  
expressed. The viral protein is a capsid protein, in  
10 particular the major capsid protein L1. The invention also relates to a test kit for implementing the method.